



## Glen Canyon National Recreation Area

### Project Update

May 2003

### Wahweap Development Concept Plan (DCP) and Environmental Assessment (EA)

In November of 2002, the National Park Service (NPS) initiated work on a Development Concept Plan (DCP) and Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Wahweap District at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. Although the last DCP for this area was prepared fairly recently (1998), an update is needed due to changes in NPS housing policies, new concession legislation and unforeseen economic conditions that may have a significant impact on the scale of operations envisioned for the area. One of the plan elements that may be affected by these changes is employee housing. The DCP update will address this issue by evaluating the location and volume of employee housing appropriate to support visitor operations. Other issues include the location and scale of development necessary to support launch ramp activities, parking and circulation, visitor service facilities, and low-water infrastructure. The new DCP is intended to guide future development for the next 15+ years.

#### Public Involvement

To better understand issues that effect the study area, a number of public outreach activities have occurred as part of the planning process. A scoping meeting was held at Wahweap on January 22, 2003 to gather early feedback and public input on plan issues to be considered in the DCP. A project website has been established and has updates posted regularly. A mailing list of interested parties, dry boat storage and marina customers containing over 1500 names have also received direct mailings of project updates. A public meeting is scheduled in mid-May to obtain feedback on the range of DCP alternatives considered for the draft planning document. The draft DCP and EA are scheduled for publication and will be available for public comment in June 2003.



During the scoping meeting in January, information was presented on existing conditions and attendees participated in vision, goals and issue exercises. Approximately 50 people attended the scoping meeting.



#### PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to attend an open house on the Wahweap DCP alternatives. The gathering will be held on:

**May 14, 2003, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm (MST)**

**Wahweap Lodge, Navajo Room**

**Wahweap Marina (near Page, Arizona)**

**Glen Canyon National Recreation Area**

The public is welcome to attend at any time during the two-hour session. No formal presentations are scheduled. Instead, the open house will have a collection of presentation stations intended to promote informal interaction and discussion with project experts and provide the public an opportunity to make written and verbal comments.

#### Plan Issues

The planning process and public comments have identified the following issues:

- Amount of concession employee housing to be built on site
- Removal or adaptive reuse of Lake Powell Motel (on US Hwy 89)
- Location of the dry boat storage operation
- Separate launching area for non-motorized vessels
- Additional food service facilities at the marina and/or Stateline launch ramp
- Separate docks for houseboat staging
- Facilities to support operations in low water conditions.
- Removal of commercial laundry from within the park.

## DCP Alternatives under Consideration

Three alternatives have been developed based on feedback obtained during public and NPS scoping. One element of the plan concerns the future number of concession employees to be housed within the Wahweap district. Several issues were considered when developing the range of alternatives for this element:

- Housing Needs Assessment for Glen Canyon NRA (1999) as a guideline for housing development within the park.
- A current housing market analysis for Page, Greene Haven, and Big Water communities.
- The number of concession employees critical to meet visitor service objectives and provide first response duties during emergencies.

The abbreviated table below summarizes the range of alternatives under consideration for the draft DCP. Further descriptions will be included in draft DCP and EA document available in June.

## We want your comments!

Anyone interested in this planning effort is encouraged to visit the project web page at <http://www.nps.gov/glca/plan.htm>.

Your comments can be emailed to [GLCA\\_WWDCP\\_EA@nps.gov](mailto:GLCA_WWDCP_EA@nps.gov) or you may send your written comments to:

**National Park Service  
Glen Canyon National  
Recreation Area  
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Page, Arizona 86040**

<b><u>ALTERNATIVE A - (NO ACTION)</u></b>	<b><u>ALTERNATIVE B</u></b>	<b><u>ALTERNATIVE C</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Maintain existing concessioner housing numbers. Continue to implement the NPS trailer replacement goals.</li> <li>•Consult with AZ SHPO. Maintain trailer village cabins at current location and use as concession housing. Upgrade to meet code requirements.</li> <li>•Complete funded campground rehabilitation.</li> <li>•Maintain existing parking numbers</li> <li>•No visitor center within Wahweap. Maintain contact area at Ranger Station.</li> <li>•Complete construction of fire station.</li> <li>•Maintain fee stations</li> <li>•Maintain NPS maintenance area</li> <li>•Maintain current numbers and use at Lake Powell Motel (LPM)</li> <li>•Maintain current lodge room totals and renovate for code requirements.</li> <li>•Maintain service station</li> <li>•Maintain existing fish cleaning station</li> <li>•Maintain dry boat storage and construction area at current location.</li> <li>•Maintain commercial laundry facility.</li> <li>•Maintain NPS maintenance storage yard.</li> <li>•No new food service facilities</li> <li>•No recycling transfer station in park</li> <li>•Maintain launch ramp size but extend to low water</li> <li>•Maintain fuel docks and upgrade for safer fuel containment</li> <li>•Maintain slip/buoy numbers renovate for safety</li> <li>•Maintain current tour boat fleet / support docks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Provide 1<sup>st</sup> response concessioner housing only.</li> <li>•Consult with AZ SHPO. Record documentary evidence of trailer village cabins and eventually remove structures.</li> <li>•Continue campground improvements proposed in 1998 design master plan.</li> <li>•Parking area improved/expanded at Stateline.</li> <li>•New visitor contact station.</li> <li>•Maintain fire station once constructed</li> <li>•Maintain fee stations</li> <li>•Renovate NPS maintenance area.</li> <li>•Provide bike trail to page</li> <li>•Relocate all visitor camping hook-up sites to rehabilitated campground.</li> <li>•Remove Lake Powell Motel and revegetate site.</li> <li>•Remodel lodge for meeting rooms and improve traffic circulation.</li> <li>•Remodel service station and modify services.</li> <li>•Maintain existing fish cleaning station</li> <li>•Screen dry boat storage and construction area at current location</li> <li>•Eliminate commercial laundry facility.</li> <li>•Screen NPS maintenance storage yard</li> <li>•No new food service facilities</li> <li>•No recycling transfer station in park</li> <li>•Maintain launch ramp size but extend to low water</li> <li>•Expand fuel docks at main ramp / upgrade all fuel docks for safer containment</li> <li>•Expand slips for short-term uses/renovate for safety / introduce shuttle system.</li> <li>•Reduce number of tour boats / expand staging area for customer access.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Provide 1<sup>st</sup> response and short-term concessioner seasonal housing</li> <li>•Consult with AZ SHPO. Vacate trailer village cabins and stabilize in current location or relocate to public use area. Record documentary evidence.</li> <li>•Continue campground improvements proposed in 1998 design master plan</li> <li>•Parking area improved/expanded at Stateline.</li> <li>•Expand contact area at Ranger Station</li> <li>•Maintain fire station once constructed.</li> <li>•Expand fee station facilities.</li> <li>•Renovate NPS maintenance area.</li> <li>•Provide bike trail to page</li> <li>•Relocate all visitor camping hook-up sites to rehabilitated campground.</li> <li>•Remove Lake Powell Motel and revegetate site.</li> <li>•Expand number of lodge rooms. Remodel for meeting rooms and improve traffic circulation.</li> <li>•Remodel and expand service station, modify services and include boat wash area</li> <li>•Renovate fish cleaning station and improve circulation.</li> <li>•Relocate dry boat storage and construction area and screen.</li> <li>•Eliminate commercial laundry facility.</li> <li>•Modify layout and screen NPS maintenance storage yard.</li> <li>•Develop additional food service facilities.</li> <li>•Develop recycling transfer station inside park.</li> <li>•Maintain launch ramp size but extend to low water and add courtesy docks and staging areas</li> <li>•Expand fuel docks at main ramp / upgrade all fuel docks for safer containment</li> <li>•Expand slips for short-term uses/renovate for safety / introduce shuttle system / Move 50% of existing marina to create marina facilities at Stateline</li> <li>•Reduce number of tour boats / expand staging area for customer access.</li> </ul>